PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976, and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by Present George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities have been planned in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 to be

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Burlington AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in celebration of our nation's indigenous peoples.

Miro Weinberger

Mayor

